RESPONSE UNDER R37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 22, 2008

Applicant (s. Ian Richard WEBB et al.

Title: PIPE COUPLING COMPRISING A DIVIDED SLEEVE

Serial No.: 10/517 735

Group: 3679

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P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- [] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
- [] A Check for \$ is enclosed to cover fees.
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

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